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SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1904.

The Water Question.

At a special election held in February a majority vote was cast in favor of the purchase of the Orange Water Company's plant in this town for \$90,000. Because no meeting of the Boards of Registry and Election was held previous to the election for the registration of voters, some people who had opposed the purchase of the plant raised a question as to the legality of the election. Legal proceedings followed, and the Town Council, which acted under the advice of the Town Attorney, was upheld.

On account of the delay ensuing over the disposal of technical objections against the election, the delivery of the water bonds to the successful bidders for the same was delayed. The bidders took advantage of the circumstances and demanded a reduction in the amount of premium offered for the bonds. More litigation was threatened, but the Council, through the efforts of the Town Attorney, won out, and the bonds were accepted at the price bid for them, and the money is now in the possession of the town.

When the final work of making out the contract of sale by the Orange Water Company to the town was undertaken, the water company raised some points that were not acceptable to the Town Council, and the Council refused to consent to their embodiment in the contract of sale. Numerous conferences have been held and many disputed points have been argued, and if by Tuesday of next week the Orange Water Company does not carry out its agreement with the people of Bloomfield in the manner that the agreement was understood by the people when they voted to purchase the plant, legal proceedings will be undertaken to compel the company to do so.

There has been considerable query and complaint outside of official circles over the delay in carrying out the water plant project. The above incidents in connection with the proceedings are cited simply to point out to inquirers and complainants the numerous obstacles that have had to be met and overcome in the past, and others that are still being contended with and must be overcome before the town officials get out of the woods.

The Water Committee of the Council has had to contend with opposition and obstacles of one kind and another from the inception of the water plant purchase proposition down to the present time. It has been a long and arduous contest, but the Water Committee and the Town Attorney have kept persistently at work, and have thus far surmounted each successive difficulty, and all loyal citizens who believe in acquiescing to the will of the majority whenever expressed through the medium of a popular vote will be pleased to see the town officials carry the water plant purchase question to a successful completion.

It is a matter of regret that there are some citizens of the town who are pleased to see the town officials harassed by difficulties in connection with the water question. It is known that some of those who have no other vocation but politics are using the water question as a means for stirring up popular discontent with the present administration.

A Political Issue.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department James Y. Nicoll had just assumed official charge of the department when another of those mysterious fires occurred on the east side of the town. It had long been suspected that the fires in that locality were of an incendiary origin. Chief Nicoll at once began a strict investigation, with the result that three boys were taken into custody charged with setting fire to the Randolph barn. The boys were arraigned before the police officials, when they confessed their guilt, not only admitting that they set fire to the Randolph building, but that they also tried to burn Mr. Harrison's barn, and one of the boys confessed to implication in other incendiary fires. The evidence obtained by Chief Nicoll was so clear and convincing that there was no doubt at all of the guilt of the boys, and Chief of Police Collins also expressed the same emphatic opinion as the Chief Engineer. The

boys were remanded for trial by the county authorities. One of the boys was a colored boy. The outcome of the trial was that the two white boys are home and the colored boy is in a reformatory.

The affair is an absorbing topic of discussion in local political circles. The father of the colored boy has told his side of the story to many people, and much sympathy has been expressed for the colored boy, who many believe to have been made the scapegoat for his equally guilty white companions, and at the same time there is much indignation over the outcome of the case. Chief Nicoll considers it now a waste of time to ferret out incendiaries, and he also advises owners of barns and outbuildings to look carefully after their property. Chief Collins is also indignant over the reflection cast upon the work of the police, and desires that it be thoroughly understood by the public that the local police department was in no way responsible for the final disposition of the case.

Bridge Contracts.

The Board of Freeholders on Thursday awarded the following bridge contracts:

Bridge over Parkway in Glen Ridge, masonry and steel, to Teverings & Garriques Company, \$15,717, the award being conditioned on its approval by the county council. In the event of its disapproval, contracts are to be awarded for the masonry to the Bergen Construction Company for \$7,867, and for the steel work to the American Bridge Company for \$8,170.

Bridge over Second River at Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield, masonry, James T. Boylan, \$1,997; steel, American Bridge Company, \$1,829.

The Silence of Butterflies.

After all, the chief charm of this race of winged flowers does not lie in their varied and brilliant beauty, nor yet in their wonderful series of transformations, in their long and sordid caterpillar life, their long slumber in the chrysalis or the very brief period which comprises their beauty, their loveliness, their parentage and their death. Nor does it lie in the fact that we do not yet certainly know whether they have in the caterpillar shape the faculty of sight or not, and do not even know the precise use of their most conspicuous organ in maturity, the antennae. Nor does it consist in this—that they of all created things have furnished man with the symbol of his own immortality. It rather lies in the fact that, with all their varied life and activity, they represent an absolutely silent world. . . . All the vast array of modern knowledge has found no butterfly which murmurs with an audible voice and only a very few species which can even audibly creak or rustle with their wings.—T. W. Higginson in Atlantic.

Material Used in Making Note Paper.
It is not a pleasant thought that the brilliant white note paper which your hand rests upon may have in it the fibers from the filthy garment of some Egyptian fellow after it has passed through all the stages of decay until it is saved by a ragpicker from the gutter of an Egyptian town, and yet it is a fact that hundreds of tons of Egyptian rags are exported every year into America to supply our paper mills. At Mannheim, on the Rhine, the American importers have their ragpicking houses where rags are collected from all over Europe, the disease infected Levant not excepted, and where women and children, too poor to earn a better living, work day after day, with wet sponges tied over their mouths, sorting these filthy scraps for shipment to New York. Our best papers are made of these rags and our common ones of wood pulp, which is obtained by grinding and macerating huge blocks from some of our soft wooded forest trees.—National Geographic Magazine.

The Stage Mirror.

Whenever a looking glass appears in a scene in a play above a fireplace, in a sideboard or a cabinet one is almost sure to hear somebody ask his or her neighbor why the glass has been smeared with whitening or soap or something that dulls its surface completely. All sorts of reasons are hazarded or suggested. Sometimes it is stated that it is done for luck, at others that they did not intend to leave it dirty. The real explanation is, however, a simple one. The glass is dirtied to prevent the illusion of the scene being destroyed, as it certainly would be if the audience saw in it the reflection of themselves or, worse still, the reflection of the people in the wings carrying on the business of the stage.—Chicago Tribune.

Onions For Diphtheria.

In cases of diphtheria onions in the form of a poultice and a syrup are said to have an almost magical effect. The poultice in this case is made of the raw onion pounded to a pulp and bandaged around the throat well up to the ears, changing as often as the mass becomes dry. A poultice of the same on the sole of each foot reduces the fever. The mucilaginous properties of onion juice make it especially soothing to the inflamed mucous membrane and therefore acceptable in case of whooping cough, croup or diphtheria. An excellent way to make the syrup is to cut the onion into slices, sprinkle plentifully with sugar and press between hot plates and a heavy weight until all the juice is extracted.

DRESSMAKING, Cutting and Basting.

Call 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Mondays and Saturdays excepted, Mrs. Conway, 57 Clinton Street, Bloomfield.—Adv.

That Seven-Cent Transfer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Some time ago I read in the columns of your valuable paper that Freeholder Thomas McGowan, as a member of the Board of Trade of this town, had waited on the officials of the Lackawanna Railroad Company for the purpose of asking for some accommodation for our citizens, and that he had been very favorably received. Now it has occurred to me that if Mr. McGowan would only have an interview with the officials of the Public Service Corporation he might succeed in having that seven-cent transfer between this town and Newark reduced to five cents. It has always seemed strange to me—as well as to many others—why the trolley company should charge two cents more for a transfer on the Bloomfield avenue line to Newark than it does for one from that city. The matter has never been satisfactorily explained. A similar state of affairs used to exist on the West Orange line, when a transfer was given to that town from Newark, but not on the return trip. The members of the West Orange Town Council were of the energetic in regard to the matter, and after a great deal of persuasion succeeded in having the trolley company give transfers both ways for five cents. Now if that little town, with only about one quarter the population of Bloomfield, could succeed in having its requests granted, surely our Town Council ought to have as much influence in the same direction. At any rate, the members thereof might "take a hand" in this important matter. Councilman Green has thus far proved a very energetic member of the Council, and he succeeded in securing a promise from the Public Service Corporation that the display of licenses in the cars would be attended to. Perhaps he might be as successful in the reduction of the transfer fare if he should go about it in his usual persevering manner.

What with our Town Council, the Board of Trade and the Civic Union, it seems that something might be done to remedy the existing state of affairs. What seems still stranger, a person wishing to go to Newark by the way of Orange, which is much further by that route than by the Bloomfield avenue line, can go and return on the Crosstown line for a five-cent transfer. If the trolley company can give a transfer either way on the latter line, it surely can afford to do so on the Bloomfield avenue one, where the travel is very much greater. By abolishing the two-cent extra transfer a great relief would be afforded the conductors, for they are continually receiving complaints from indignant passengers. Only a few days ago, as I was on my way to Newark, a lady with two children got on the car at the Centre and asked for three transfers. She handed the conductor a quarter of a dollar and received in change four cents. She thought a mistake had been made and asked for an explanation. She was told that the transfer to Newark was seven cents. She informed the conductor that she had only paid five cents for a transfer from that city, and she wanted to know the reason for the extra two cents. The conductor could only answer her question by saying that the price was two cents, and gave her a punched card with the prices thereon. Every day there are wrangles on the cars on account of this queer arrangement, and it is about time it was stopped.

TRAVELER.

A Suggestion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Referring to the action taken at the meeting of the Board of Trade held in Central Hall, Tuesday evening, to the effect that any surplus funds be paid back to the contributors pro rata, I would suggest that instead of this, all surplus money be donated by the citizens of Bloomfield to the Mountain-side Hospital.

My reasons for this change are: First, because I believe the contributions will be more numerous and spontaneous.

Second, the hospital is a worthy object, and its usefulness would be thus enlarged.

Third, the labor of returning the small amounts to each contributor should not be asked of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trade, which organization so generously offered its services in the matter of resisting the outrageous proceeding of the Orange Water Company. I could give other reasons, but do not think it necessary. That this surplus may be used as above suggested, I ask that those that have already contributed and object to its being so used, will so indicate in writing to the president of the Board of Trade, and that the consent of those contributing hereafter be obtained for this purpose. Yours very truly,

H. C. B.

Newarkers Complain of Water.

Notwithstanding the frequent trips which have been made by the members of the Board of Works to the source of their water supply, there have been a number of complaints lately in that city that the water was not up to the standard. Now the members of the Board of Health of Newark are going to the Pequannock region to see if they can discover anything wrong. They declare, however, that after examining the water taken from the faucets in the city, they can find no cause for alarm, and say it is as pure practically as it is possible for water to be.

An Inquiry.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: By what rule of equity or courtesy does the Council proceed when it obtains an option on property, and is courteously permitted an indefinite extension of the option without cash deposit or penalty of forfeit, and abruptly throws the option to one side without notice to the other party to the contract? The matter of the desirability and utility of sites is not questioned here, simply the manner of procedure. It is not often that either law or equity presumes only one interested party to a contract, and if the Council has discovered a new code of rule and practice some of us who are more or less interested in real estate transactions would like to get a copy of the new rules, providing we can fortify ourselves up to the point of disregarding the element of courtesy which is generally recognized among men.

INQUIRER.

Linden Avenue vs. Williamson Avenue.

A. B. Hunt, a "has been" base-ball player, and an enthusiast in support and praise of the national game, and who still declines to take second place with any player on the Bloomfield Field Club, has aroused great interest among the old and young of Linden avenue in base ball, and the "Adams' Fields," as the West End Athletic grounds is called, presents an animated appearance every evening, when a score or more of base-ball players, under Mr. Hunt's direction, engage in the national pastime. Some who are in the secret say that Mr. Hunt expects some day to take a Linden avenue team over to Williamson avenue grounds and show Manager Adams what real base ball playing is.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST COMPANY,

No. 1 Broad Street.

The regular half yearly interest dividend at the rate of three and one-half per cent per annum was credited July 1st to all accounts in the special interest department entitled thereto under the By-Laws.

JOSEPH H. DODD,

Secretary

Bloomfield Savings Institution,

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THEODORE H. WARD, President.

HOWARD BIDDULPH, Secretary.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLIVE STREET.

Objections in writing to the work done and materials used in the above named improvement must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday evening, July 18, 1904, at 9 o'clock, at which time the Town Council will meet in the Council chamber in the Bloomfield National Bank Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey, to consider such objections.

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